

Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon

(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)

March 31, 2013

- I. **Getting into the Bible ~ Points from Sunday's Message:**
- a. Some Key Points from Sunday's Message: *Resurrection Sunday!*
- i. **Contrast between the resurrection experiences of Jarius' daughter, the widow's son & Lazarus - and Jesus:**
1. - Jarius' daughter, the widow's son & Lazarus were all raised by someone else – namely Jesus.
- Jesus was raised from the dead on His own initiative and power.
 2. - Jarius' daughter, the widow's son & Lazarus all died again.
- Jesus rose from the dead and never died again.
- ii. **Implications:**
1. Jesus' resurrection, on His own power, was the ultimate indication of His Divinity. **Jesus is God!**
 2. Jesus repeatedly and clearly communicated that He was going to die and rise again before it happened. The resurrection is proof that Jesus knows what he is talking about. **Jesus told us the truth.**
 3. If (1) Jesus is God, and (2) He told us the truth – then there is a future resurrection and **He is the future Judge** that all humanity will stand before.
- iii. **Applications:**
1. Jesus is God - **He is to be worshipped.**
 2. Jesus told us the truth – **He is to be trusted.**
 3. Jesus is the rightful Judge (creation/redemption) – **He is to be obeyed.**
- b. The final implication of the reality of Jesus' resurrection: *You ultimately have to deal with Jesus!*
- i. He is the Lord.
 - ii. Every knee will bow and confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)
 - iii. Today is the day of salvation.
- II. **Getting into Life:**
- a. According to 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, what is the gospel?
 - b. According to 1 Corinthians 15:12-32, what if Jesus has not been raised from the dead? What if he has?
 - c. According to 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, what does Jesus' resurrection secure and guarantee, and what does it matter for your life today?